

ISAC Meeting – May, 2014

ACTION OR INFORMATION ITEM

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TOPIC: Addressing Issue of Non-Native Forest Insects and Diseases: The Continental Dialogue, TNC's Forest Health Protection Program and Healthy Trees, Healthy Cities Initiatives

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1. DESCRIPTION OF AGENDA ITEM (include length of time needed):

20-30 minutes: An overview of the vision, strategies and actions to address the threat from non-native forest insects and diseases to trees and forests in North America.

2. WHY IS THIS ITEM IMPORTANT TO NISC / ISAC? HOW IS IT RELATED TO THE NATIONAL INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT PLAN? Non-native forest insects and diseases are a major threat to trees and forests in North America and the work of the Continental Dialogue and The Nature Conservancy's Forest Health Protection and Healthy Trees Healthy Cities program is designed to address the goals and objectives of the National Invasive Species Management Plan focusing on prevention, early detection, slowing the spread and raising awareness to successfully address this important issue.

3. PREVIOUS ACTIONS TAKEN BY NISC / ISAC ON THIS ITEM: Not sure being a new member

4. ACTION REQUESTED OF NISC / ISAC: Presentation would be information but could lead to specific actions and collaborations with ISAC or its partner organizations.

5. ALTERNATIVES:

6. ATTACHMENTS: Informational materials on the Continental Dialogue, The Nature Conservancy's Forest Health Protection Program and the Healthy Trees, Healthy Cities Initiative.